with the Committee at the request of Government of Bihar. The Committee would submit its report to Government of Bihar after it is finalised.

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Payments to CIL

*223. KUMARI UMA BHARTI:
PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount received by the Coal/ India Limited through supply of coal to thermal power projects during the last three years;

(b) the amount outstanding against Electricity Boards, Public Undertakings/Enterprises as on December 31, 1991;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps/taken by the Government to realise the outstanding amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd., the amounts received by them on account of sale of coal to thermal power stations during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 were Rs. 854.77 crores, Rs. 1050.56 crores and Rs. 105.03 crores respectively.

(b) and (c). The total outstanding dues to Coal India Ltd. from State Electricity Boards and power utilities as on 31.12.91 were Rs. 1757.37 crores (date provisional). The main reasons for mounting dues from power sector is poor financial position of most of the State Electricity Boards and power utilities. Some outstandings are also due to disputes about weight and quality of coal supplied to the thermal power stations.

(d) Following steps have been taken to recover payments towards price of coal despatched to different electricity boards:

(i) Undisputed dues as on 31.5.90 against State Electricity Boards are being recovered by adjustment of Central Assistance to State Plans in four equal annual instalments of Rs. 273 crores each. The first two instalments have been realised.

(ii) With effect from 1.10.91, Cash and Carry System has been introduced according to which consumers in power sector are making advance payments for supply of coal.

(iii) Negotiations are being held with different State Governments for adjusting the dues of royalty and cess payable by coal companies to the State Governments against coal bill outstandings.

(iv) Energy bills of different State Electricity Boards are also being adjusted against coal bills by Coal Companies.

(v) State Governments have been requested to clear the outstanding arrears due to Coal Companies from respective Electricity Boards.

Grant provided to Khadi and Village Industries Commission

2334. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant provided to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission during each of the last three years under various heads;

(b) whether the details of utilisation of